

then with the next item on the agenda, item #6, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 31 was a bill introduced by Senator Maurice Kremer of the 34th. (Read title to LB 31.) The bill was first read on January 4 of this year. It was referred to the Public Works Committee, Mr. President. It was advanced to General File. The body considered the bill on February 2. There are no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this bill was discussed something over a week ago and then we ran out of time before we had the opportunity to move for its advancement. I will explain it very briefly again, Mr. Chairman. It does three things. On line 8 a correction is made in the language in the present statute which does only one thing and that is it hyphenates "cost-share". Lines 15 and 16 it strikes out old language. The present language requires that an agency of the federal government participate in a project. Small watershed projects generally in times past was a combination effort between the local sponsoring agency and the federal government. Now most of the small watershed programs are sponsored by the Natural Resource Districts and the federal government is not involved. The striking of this language provides that a local level of government can sponsor a small watershed program without the cooperation of the federal government because the federal government is not involved. When they are involved, of course they need to get their approval. Last of all it provides that only one licensed real estate appraiser be involved in the appraisal of property. I did not know it the other day but I learn now that we did pass legislation, Chapter 81-8286 that provides now that no one is allowed to appraise property except by a licensed appraiser. So what this language does, it provides that only one licensed appraiser is necessary. It doesn't mean that you can not have more than one but the present language says that you have to have three. Because of the cost involved in the requiring these licensed appraiser, we feel we can save a lot of money and the sponsoring bodies feel they can save money by only requiring one. If more than one is necessary they have that privilege but the law will not require it. I move the advancement of LB 31 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Kremer a question or two about this if I could, please.